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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: G-20, CLIMATE CHANGE,
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DELHI.

This countrywide cable reports on relevant media
reaction/opinion from India's large non-English press.
The Mission reports on English-language media via email
through the daily "Early Edition" summary.

G-20

[¶1.](#) "FUTILE TO EXPECT MUCH," editorial in October 6
leftist Bengali newspaper, GANASHAKTI: "There will be
no fundamental change in the world order even if G-20
replaces G-8 to control global capitalism. Despite tall
claims, the G-20 does not protect interests of the
developing nations. So, it is quite clear that
imbalances in the world economy will not be corrected.
It would, therefore, be futile to expect much from the
Pittsburg Summit."

[¶2.](#) "A GOOD WIN FOR INDIA IN G-20: MANMOHAN TAKES THE
LEAD," editorial in October 7 centrist Marathi daily,
NAVSHAKTI: "Many of the suggestions made by Indian
Prime Minister Manmohan Singh were willingly accepted
at the recent G-20 summit in Pittsburgh. Singh spoke
at the behest of all developing nations. He asked the
developed nations not to adopt a protectionist stance,
with regard to exports and foreign investments. The
superpowers appreciated the suggestion and agreed to
provide a supportive investment climate to developing
nations. This is a clear win for Singh."

CLIMATE CHANGE

¶3. "THEY MAKE THE MISTAKES, WE TAKE THE BLAME," editorial in Oct 5 right-of-center Hindi daily, AMAR UJALA: "China with 20.19 of the world's population emits 19.12 per cent carbon, whereas with just 4.59 per cent of the world population, the U.S. emits 18.44 and is number two. Between the 27 European Union countries with 7.58 per cent population, they emit 13.37. So it is extremely frustrating that these countries who are ruining the earth with their emissions are lecturing us!"

AFGHANISTAN

¶4. "DEPLOY UN FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN," op-ed in Oct 6 centrist Hindi daily, NAVBHARAT TIMES: "America's post 9/11 resolve to fight Al Qaeda and Taliban seems to be breaking. After the recent elections in Afghanistan, the kind of statements coming from U.S. commanders and partner countries shows a weakening of resolve. Top US general in Afghanistan McChrystal is believed to be of the opinion that Indian influence in Afghanistan is likely to exacerbate regional tensions and encourage Pakistani counter measures. The General, however, fails

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to discuss how the ISI has been colluding with the Al Qaeda and Taliban and destroying the morale of the American forces. Today the U.S. is caught in a quagmire because of its own faulty policies on Afghanistan. A UN Peacekeeping Force will probably be more acceptable to the Afghans. For peace and development in Afghanistan, the world community must seriously consider new options."

IRAN: P5+1 TALKS

¶5. "NUCLEAR DISPUTE: TALKS WITH IRAN," editorial in October 6 right-of-center Urdu daily, ETEMAAD: "Iran's talks with six major powers of the world in Geneva last Thursday and its consent to inspections are important political breakthroughs. Iran should take care of the feelings and sentiments of neighboring Arab world. On the basis of its foresightedness and wisdom, Iran can play a key role in resolving the Palestinian issue. But Iran knows it is Israel that has introduced and spread terrorism in the world. Its aggressive policies, expatriation of millions of guileless Palestinians from their own land and its intention to capture and subjugate "Bait-ul-Maqdis", have kept the Muslims in a state of war. Iran's cooperation is essential even today to solve the Palestinian problem."

ISRAEL

¶6. "ISRAEL CAN NEVER MEND ITS WAYS," editorial in October 6 right-of-center Urdu daily, INQILAB: "Is it not an irony of fate that those who declared Iraq and now Iran as threat to the world peace, do not consider Israel and its piles of weapons of mass destruction a threat? IAEA chief el-Baradei said recently that the biggest danger for the Middle East is Israel and its nuclear weapons. Nobody, not even the U.S., can deny the fact, because the defense of Israel and safeguard of Israel's interest are the top priorities of America. Israel's strength does not come from its military

prowess, or unlimited American patronage, from the world's hypocrisy, which always encourages Israel."

NAXALISM

17. "WHEN WILL MAOIST VIOLENCE END?" editorial in the October 7 right-of-center Gujarati daily, MUMBAI SAMACHAR: "The cold-blooded murders of security personnel carried out Maoists day in and day out continue to be the single biggest threat to India's integrity. While it is necessary to take coercive action to stop such acts of barbarism, there is a need to find a political solution to this menace as all

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evils in a society cannot be solved by law alone. The naxal problem has become grave and it is high time for our politicians to wake up to the reality and take remedial measures."

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